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SUBJECT: W/W: GUSS FRNKS)

1. AN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE VISITED THE RESIDENCE OF NIECE CHRISSANTHI FRANGOU, 3-5 VELESTINOU STREET, AMBELOKIPI, ATHENS, TO IMQUIRE CONCERNING SUBJECT'S WELFARE. MR. FRANKS, AGE 92 WAS IN BED, UNDER MEDICATION FOR CONTROL OF BLOOD PRESSURE, AND UNABLE TO GET OUR OF BED AS HE IS PARALYSED FROM WAIST DOWN. MRS. FRANGOU AND A FULL-TIME NURSE LOOK AFTER HIM AS HE SUFFERS FROM INCONTINENCE. MRS. FRANGOU COMPLAINED ABOUT LACK OF INTEREST ON PART OF BROTHER, MR. PAUL FRANKS

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REGARDING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES IN KEEPING UP PRESENT CARE STANDARDS

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SHE STATED VOLUNTARILY THAT SIGNIFICANT SUMS OF MONEY DEPOSITED BY MR

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FRANKS WITH THE NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE WERE WITHDRWAUN BY HER TO COV
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MEDICAL AND, ON OCCASION, HOSPITALIZATION EXPENSES. IN VIEW OF MR. FRANKS' SEMI-COHERENT CONDITION IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN PRIVACY ACT AUTHORIZATION.

2. FYI MRS. FRANGOU INFORMED THAT SHE WAS IN POSSESSION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY PROPERLY EXECUTED BEFORE GREEK NOTARY BY GUSS FRANKS, TO HANDLE HIS AFFAIRS. BROTHER, PAUL FRANKS, VISITED GREECE 1978 AND SHE ALLEGES THAT HE WITHDREW \$27,000.00 DEPOSITED WITH NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE, PRESENTING WHAT SHE CALLED A QUOTE FORGET POWER OF ATTORNEY UNQUOTE. ACCORDING MRS. FRANGOU, BANK UNABLE TO PRODUCE
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THIS DOCUMENT AND CLAIMS IT WAS LOST. ACCORDING TO NIECE, MONTHLY SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK FOR \$269 ONLY SOURCE OF INCOME AS ALL OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES DEPLETED. END FYI

3. COMMENT: MRS. FRANGOU, DESPITE CURRENT FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND WITH MUCH PERSONAL EFFORT, APPERS TO BE BOTH PROVIDING ADEQUATE CARE FOR MR. FRANKS, AND ACTING IN HIS BEST INTERESTS.

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